

## **MEDIA RELEASE**

## YOU CAN HELP A NEIGHBOR Become a Volunteer Adult Literacy Tutor at the Library

**SANTA BARBARA, CA – March 14, 2012 –** Do you love to work with others? Your skills, patience, and creativity can make a big difference. The Santa Barbara Public Library System's volunteer Adult Literacy Program seeks volunteer tutors. Tutors help adults develop the language and math skills they need for jobs and life. New volunteers take a nine-hour training course before being matched with an adult learner for one-to-one tutoring. A two-session weekend training course begins Saturday, March 24, and concludes Saturday, March 31. The training course will meet from 1 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. in the Townley Room, Santa Barbara Public Library, 40 East Anapamu Street.

Volunteer tutors work once or twice a week to help adult learners reach important goals, such as getting or doing a better job, getting a GED, becoming a citizen, or helping children with homework. Tutors can make a huge difference in the life of an individual and the community.

The Library System provides training, support, space, and materials for volunteers. Interested? Contact the Adult Literacy Office for more information about volunteering or to register for the training class. Call 805-564-5619, email <a href="mailto:literacy@sbplibrary.org">literacy@sbplibrary.org</a> or visit the Library's website at <a href="mailto:www.sbplibrary.org">www.sbplibrary.org</a>.

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